



# National Fire Plan

## Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



### Alaska State Summary from Department of the Interior

Based on the National Fire Plan, the Department of the Interior (DOI) will implement a number of program actions to reduce hazardous fuels and their adverse effects on forest and range lands, mitigate the impacts of severe wildfires on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities. In Alaska, those actions will include the following:

#### Firefighting Resources

##### Preparedness

- Hire 25 additional permanent employees and 35 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 71 positions to a more permanent status
- Obtain under contract one large air transport aircraft
- Invest \$3,627,600 in four facilities maintenance and construction projects

##### Research

Co-sponsor one research project under the Joint Fire Science Program

#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 4,785 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$702,000
- Treat 23,888 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$306,000

#### Community Assistance

For FY 2001, the DOI was appropriated \$10 million to initiate a pilot program of grants to rural fire districts. The Department expects to assist approximately 830 rural volunteer fire departments nationwide with training, equipment, and supplies to increase their level of preparedness for wildland firefighting.

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